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## NOTIFICATION

The 28th March, 2025

**eCFNo.540403/27.-** In the interest of public service, the Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute State Level Committee and District Level Committee with following composition in compliance to the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 19/02/2024 in the matter of WP(C) No. 1164/2023 (Ashok Kumar Sharma, IFS (Retd.) & Ors.—Vs - Union of India and Another).

### **A. State Level Committee:**

- 1. Chief Secretary, Assam – Chairman**
- 2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam — Member**
- 3. Senior Most Secretary, Department of Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of Assam — Member**
- 4. Senior Most Secretary, Department of Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Assam — Member**
- 5. Senior Most Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of Assam — Member.**
- 6. Senior Most Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam — Member.**
- 7. Addl. PCCF, Upper Assam Zone, Jorhat - Member**
- 8. Addl. PCCF, Lower Assam Zone, Guwahati - Member**
- 9. Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar – Member**

10. Principal Secretary, KAAC, Diphu – **Member**
  11. Principal Secretary, Dima Hasao District Council, Haflong – **Member**
  12. Addl. PCCF, cum CHD, BTC, Kokrajhar — **Member**
  13. Addl. PCCF, KAAC, Diphu — **Member**
  14. Chief Conservator of Forests, Dima Hasao District Council, Haflong — **Member**
  15. Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF — **Member Secretary**
  16. Chief Conservator of Forests, Research Education and Working Plan, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam — **Member**
  17. Senior Wildlife Warden/Deputy Conservator of Forests (Attached), O/o the PCCF WL & CWLW — **Member**
  18. Representative of Regional Office, Assam State Space Application Centre, Assam — **Member**
  19. Representative of Regional Office, MoEFCC, Shillong/Guwahati — **Member**.
  20. Representative of Regional Office, FSI — **Member**
- B. **District Level Committee:** The District Level Committees under each circle (Forest Circle) is hereby constituted with the following composition:
1. District Commissioner — **Chairman**
  2. Conservator of Forest – **Member**
  3. Divisional Forest Officer (T) of the district — **Member Secretary**  
(In case of more than one Divisional Forest Officer (T) in a district, the junior most Divisional Forest Officer (T) will act as Member Secretary)
  4. Other Divisional Forest Officers of the District — **Member**
  5. Addl. District Commissioner (Revenue) — **Member**
  6. Co-District Commissioner/ Circle Officers (For areas without CDCs) – **Member**

In the Districts falling under Council Areas, the Principal Secretary of the Council will act as Chairman and Joint Secretary (Revenue) of the Council will be the Member in place of Addl. District Commissioner, Revenue.

The Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Committees are as under:

1. DLC may co opt maximum two domain experts.
2. DLC will prepare (with maps) a consolidated record of all lands Notified as RF and Protected Areas, recorded as forest in Government records/ Forest records as Forest or Un-classed State Forest (USF) as per Rule 2(1)(e)(ii) and including the forest like areas as per the Rule 2(1)(e)(iii) of the Assam Trees Outside Forest (Sustainable Management) Rules, 2022.
3. DLC may hire expert resources for Drone Based Mapping and Satellite Imagery Analysis coupled with actual Tree Count Survey for establishing the

Forest Like Areas as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 19/02/2024.

4. As per Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 19/02/2024, the DLC shall focus on:
  - a. Identify areas which are forests irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognized or classified under any law and irrespective of the ownership of the land.
  - b. Identify areas which were earlier forests, but have been degraded, denuded or cleared.
  - c. Identify areas covered by plantation trees belonging to the Government and those belonging to private persons.
5. DLC shall also look into the report of the Expert Committee on identification of forest areas.
6. DLC shall submit its report in all respects within 2 (two) months of the issue of this notification to the State Level Committee.
7. DLC will take necessary action as per Rule 16(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, *"For the purpose of explanation of government records provided under sub section (1) of section 1A of the Adhiniyam, the State Governments and Union territory Administrations, within a period of one year, shall prepare a consolidated record of such lands, including the forest like areas identified by the Expert Committee constituted for this purpose, un-classed forest lands or community forest lands on which the provisions of the Adhiniyam shall be applicable."*
8. The State Level Committee shall ensure supervision/guidance/co-ordination and monitoring of the DLCs and submit the compiled report to the state government while following above stated ToRs within 3 (three) months from the issue of this notification in compliance to the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 19/02/2024.

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